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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Lisk, Tai, and Hampton :
Application No. 10/732,890 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: 10 December, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 2C03.1-141 :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)¹ filed on 20 August, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor, Ming-Kok Tai, has refused to sign the declaration for the above-identified patent application. Specifically, petitioners have shown, via the statement of petitioners' registered patent attorney Bradley K. Groff, that a copy of the application papers were sent to joint inventor Tai by E-mail. A copy of the declaration was also sent to Tai's last known address on two additional occasions. The non-signing inventor, however, failed to return an executed declaration naming him as a joint inventor along with James R. Lisk, Jr., and Scott M. Hampton.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

¹A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee; and

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", written in a cursive style.

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